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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Meeting with Congressman Les Aspin, 17 August 1978

1. On 17 August, I had a meeting with Congressman Les Aspin. He asked me whether we were doing any good net assessments these days. I explained the net assessment thorn to him. I did boast about what was a good comparative force evaluation in NIE 11-3-8. I also described the fact that we were trying to find some better comparative measures of capability in conventional forces, most specifically in the NATO and Warsaw Pact aircraft capabilities.

2. The Congressman expressed considerable interest in this. I offered to have him come out to the Agency and run through NIE 11-3-8 and also a description of what progress we were making in conventional force comparisons.

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3. I'll ask [redacted] to try to get an hour on my schedule for this at a time that is acceptable to Congressman Aspin. Would you please be ready for Howard and me to give him a quick rundown on the strategic estimate, and Sid (or whoever is most involved) a description of what we are doing in the conventional area.

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